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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 10/611,428) Group Art Unit: 3679
Filed: July 2, 2003) Examiner: J. Hewitt
For: SNAP CONNECTION FOR CONNECTING)
TWO TUBES ENDS)

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Sir:

SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT FORMAL DRAWINGS

Applicants respectfully submit two (2) sheets of replacement drawings to be substituted for the corresponding drawing sheets presently on file in the above-identified application.

Applicants have added Figure 3 (sheet 2) to show a corrugated tube. Support for the new drawing is found that page 7, lines 2-4 of the Applicants' specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that these changes introduce no new matter as it conforms to the specification or drawings as originally filed, 37 C.F.R. § 1.81(d).

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Transmitted herewith is a response to the Ex parte Quayle Office Action dated August 27, 2004.
2. Additional papers enclosed:

- Drawings: Formal (2 Replacement Sheets) Informal (Correction)

 Information Disclosure Statement
 Form PTO-1449, _____ references included
 Declaration of Biological Deposit
 Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

| Total Months <u>Requested</u> | Fee for <u>Extension</u> | [Fee for Small Entity] |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> one month | \$ 110.00 | \$ 55.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> two months | \$ 430.00 | \$ 215.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> three months | \$ 980.00 | \$ 490.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> four months | \$ 1,530.00 | \$ 765.00 |

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$ _____.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

- An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. Constructive Petition

- EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid | Present Extra | at Rate of | Total Fees |
| Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c)) | 34 | minus | 34 | 0 | x \$18 each= | + \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)) | 1 | minus | 3 | 0 | x \$86 each= | + \$0.00 |
| [] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s) | | | | | \$290.00 | + \$0.00 |
| SUB-TOTAL = | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity | | | | | | - \$0.00 |
| TOTAL FEE = | | | | | | \$0.00 |

6. Fee Payment

- No fee is to be paid at this time.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$_____ for the additional claims fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

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